



Australian Government

Recommendations about how governments work

The Australian Government response to the Disability Royal Commission

Easy Read version



How to use this document



The Australian Government wrote this document.

When you read the word 'we', it means the Australian Government.



We wrote this document in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold
Not bold

We wrote some important words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.



We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page **19**.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other document on our website.

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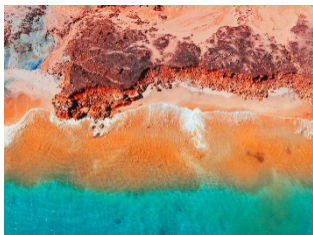


You can ask for help to read this document.

A friend, family member or support person might be able to help you.



We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional owners of the land we live on – Australia.



They were the first people to live on and use the:

- land
- waters.

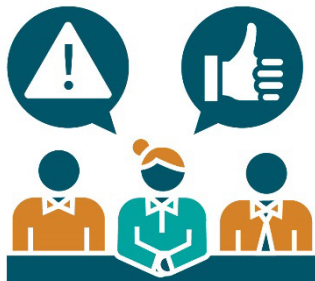
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About the Disability Royal Commission



We created a **royal commission** to find out how to make our community safer for people with disability.



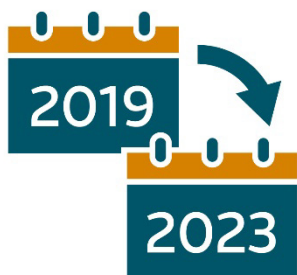
A royal commission is an official way of looking into a big problem.

It helps us work out what:

- has gone wrong
- we need to improve.

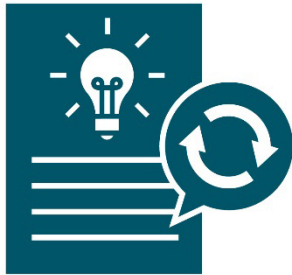


We call it the Disability Royal Commission.



The Disability Royal Commission ran from 2019 to 2023.

About the recommendations



The Disability Royal Commission shared ideas about what governments and services should change.

We call these ideas **recommendations**.



This document explains our response to Part 5 of the Disability Royal Commission's final report.



This document explains our response to recommendations about how governments work.



This includes recommendations to support the **rights** of people with disability in Australia.

Rights are rules about how everyone must treat you:

- fairly
- equally.

It also includes recommendations to improve **inclusion** in Australia.



Inclusion means everyone:

- is included
- can take part in our community.

Our responses to the recommendations

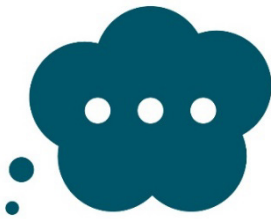
On the following pages, we explain the recommendations we:



- agree with



- mostly agree with



- need to think more about.

A National Disability Agreement

The Disability Royal Commission made a recommendation for a new agreement between:



- the Australian Government
- state and territory governments.

This agreement would be called the National Disability Agreement.

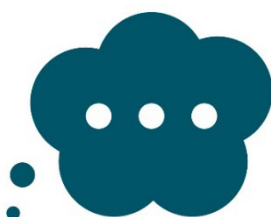
The agreement should explain how governments will work together to improve:



- equality
- rights
- inclusion.



The agreement should include a plan for how governments can work together to improve the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).



We need to think more about this recommendation.

Australia's Disability Strategy



The Disability Royal Commission made a recommendation about Australia's Disability Strategy (ADS).



The ADS is a plan to support people with disability in all areas of their life.



The recommendation says governments should make sure the ADS includes:

- issues that the Disability Royal Commission found out about
- ideas about the recommendations.



We agree with this recommendation.

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability



The Disability Royal Commission shared a recommendation about the **Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**.



The CRPD is an agreement between different countries.

It says people with disability should have the same rights as everybody else.

This recommendation is for:



- the Australian Government



- state and territory governments



The recommendation says governments should make it clear who will make sure they follow the CRPD.



We mostly agree with the goals in this recommendation.

Agreements between governments



The Disability Royal Commission shared a recommendation about agreements that are between governments right now.



For example, the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

This agreement explains how governments will work together to support First Nations peoples.

The recommendation says governments should check how well their agreements:



- follow the ADS

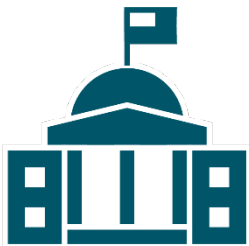


- support the needs of people with disability.

This includes:



- the Australian Government



- state and territory governments.



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A National Disability Commission



The Disability Royal Commission shared a recommendation to create a National Disability Commission.

The National Disability Commission would:



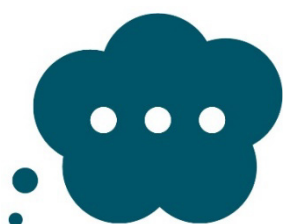
- report on how well the recommendations are being followed



- support research to find the best ways to improve the lives of people with disability



- make sure governments follow laws about protecting the rights of people with disability.



We need to think more about this recommendation.

A new government department



The Disability Royal Commission shared a recommendation to create a new government department.

The recommendation says the new department should focus on plans and programs for:



- people with disability



- carers.



Our government departments already work towards the goals of this recommendation.

What we will pay for



We will pay to improve or create:

- programs
- supports
- services.

This includes:



- **\$11.6 million** to create a plan for more supports for people with disability



- **\$118.1 million** to respond to the recommendations of the **NDIS review**.



The NDIS review checked the NDIS to find out what:

- worked well
- could be better.

Important actions and plans



Governments have already agreed to start working together on some important actions and plans with the disability community.



These actions and plans will support the recommendations for how governments work.



We will change laws and rules to improve the NDIS.



This will better support people with disability.

We will create more supports that can help people with disability.



We will check how well the ADS is going in 2024.



We will make sure the ADS includes:

- issues that the Disability Royal Commission found out about
- ideas about the recommendations.

Word list

This list explains what the **bold** words in this document mean.



Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD)

The CRPD is an agreement between different countries.

It explains how everyone must respect the rights of people with disability.



Inclusion

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NDIS review

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Recommendations

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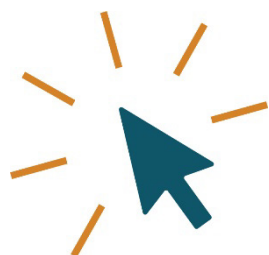


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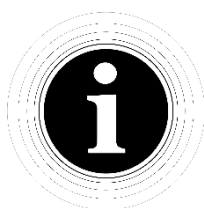
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It is about inclusion.

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We thank Helen for sharing her art with us.